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Dear Mr Fensterwald:

With apologies for the delay (as I am only now able to give to these points the complete review and attention they merit), I must acknowledge your welcomed letters of July 15th and 16th and September 10th. I especially want to express my sincere thanks and gratitude for the \$40 check which made possible my visit to Los Angeles in August, resulting in---as you shall see---almost complete coverage of investigative tasks then pending for me, as well as discovery of one or two promising new lines of inquiry. I was, however, sorry to hear you had^{to} leave early for Tennessee and were unable to travel north for a conference here (maybe another time when I would like to talk over with you some publicly unexploited aspects of the JFK case).

I am grateful for all the trouble you have gone to in running down the report of "Kali murders" in Germany, though it is regrettable this ends in a dead-end, a hoax. Naturally this exposure lessens the possibility of the related story out of France being genuine; but it is conceivable the writer for the American magazine did not himself manufacture the tale of the German case, and therefore the other could be possibly authentic yet. Moreover, it was the alleged French case that alone contained the alleged published statements concerning drugs and hypnosis in the Oswald case and prediction of a similar M.O. to be directed in the future against another Kennedy. Question: Are you still trying to run down the "Kali murder case" and (alleged) related publications in France?

Incidentally, one of your envelopes arrived here with some blue stampings on the back. My brother tells me (he works at the Post Office) that, so far as he knows, they don't put any such marks on mail. If your office doesn't, maybe this is a clue that some unknown authority is monitoring your mail, outgoing as well as incoming. The marked portion is returned herewith for your examination.

Your letter of July 16th asked about "The Process." At that time I knew no more about it than I had read in some L.A. TIMES articles in connection with the Manson case. Since then, of course, there has been what I consider a whitewash article on The Process published in TIME Magazine (contrast it with their steadfastly denigrating review of Theosophy in July 1968, wherein they inserted at least one certainly libelous accusation against Mme Blavatsky, not seen before). This brings to mind the fact that the day I left for Los Angeles LOOK Magazine arrived with a million-dollars worth of free publicity for that idiot exhibitionist, "Satanist" Anton LeVey (which could do nothing but help to discredit Occultists and Parapsychologists in general). The Press is certainly irresponsible when they get hold of a sensation they themselves can work upon.

Since July, however, a lot of significant information about The Process has dropped into my lap. While in Los Angeles I contacted

Arthur Lyons, author of The Second Coming : Satanism in America, which I thought to be a very sober work, and I hoped, with his wide contacts in the southern California "occult underground" he might be able to come up with something on Manly P. Hall and Sirhan. He had nothing on these two, but is going to look into that further for me. A few days after my return home, however, a close associate of his---whose name now eludes me (I had him jot down his address on a slip of paper and that too is out of place!)---came up here and we spent the afternoon and evening discussing various concurrent aspects of mutual interest. He is an investigator for one of the attorneys for one of the female defendants in the Manson case. He knows Ed Sanders, author of the new book just out, The Family*, which I understand has a chapter and more on The Process and Manson's possible relation to it (he told me that a coming issue of the Process magazine, an expensive format, was shortly to feature an article specially written for it by Manson). I suppose you saw Sanders' article in the current or last ESQUIRE Magazine, with about 2 pages on The Process. (A contributor to The Blavatsky Foundation, living in Toronto, Canada, has sent me a clipping from the local TORONTO STAR, received here just today, carrying a denial of "Father Malachi", leader of the Toronto chapter of a new religious group known as The Process Church of the Final Judgement" who "repudiates" the "charges" published by Sanders. Malachi, incidentally, is apparently the No. 2 man in the whole outfit, and the fact he has been sent to till the soil in Toronto for the London headquarters may be because of two things: Toronto is, and has been for many years, a center of interest in Occultism and is the most active Theosophical center in Canada; and, as I learned this week in PARADE Magazine, it is also the center where some 30,000 dissident American draft-evaders and army deserters live, so that it may be expected that here The Process can recruit both Theosophical drop-outs and potential political trouble-makers. This Toronto newspaper article further states that, "While the group wears emblems of Satan...Malachi said there is no practice of black magic or other rituals associated with Satan cults." Which denial appears to be buncombe, on the face of it. "Attorneys for the Process have filed a \$1,500,000 libel suit against Sanders and his publisher in the federal district court in Chicago....Esquire magazine has been asked for a retraction on its story....").

My visitor had a briefcase full of Process literature; and in the little time I had I went through it looking for items of interest to my research, copying out the more relevant, copies of which I here inclose. Note that this cult claims to be in touch with "supernatural beings" and to be the vehicle for "messages from the Gods," while its declared purpose and that required of the follower is to "play the game of the Gods." In practice, this means that all except the leaders of the Process (those who alone "receive" at firsthand---or themselves contrive---the "Gods' orders") must blindly act out the orders, the divine mandate, they will be receiving down from the leadership which acts as the "mouthpiece" for "Jehovah, Satan, and Lucifer"! At the same time, note (in the longest of the enclosed articles) how they have openly and brazenly proclaimed the "will of the Gods" and their dedicated program to destroy democracy and replace it with anarchy and dictatorship! At the same time, in other Process literature, my friend in Canada has sent just lately, they declare the troubles of mankind originate from man's failure to accept the "so-called evil" within man, i.e., to paraphrase both Manly P. Hall and Charles Manson, man must rightly be active both as God and Satan, both the destroyer and creator. In view of this, I don't see how attorneys defending against the Process libel suit will have any difficulty proving from its own words that the group has a vicious, degenerate philosophy and code of ethics. From this it follows, as you say July 16, "they are capable of anything apparently."

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These persons apparently are adept at infiltration. My Canadian friend wrote me out of a clear blue sky, excited by the fact that during or shortly after a North American Theosophical Conference held this year at Toronto, he was present at a meeting of the Canadian headquarters lodge of the Theosophical Society (related to the one in Wheaton, Illinois, with world headquarters at Adyar India) when the speaker was introduced as a guest official from The Process, present with black robe and Satanic paraphernalia! At the close, relates my informant, the Theosophical host opined that, : "Members of The Process and Theosophists believe in the same things, though we express our mutual belief in different ways" Knowing something of The Process, my friend was naturally shocked, and is now quietly working to disenchant the ignorant Theosophists of the lodge who were so easily taken in by their glib guest. (Many years ago this same Toronto lodge was the target of infiltration by another charlatan, the international spy, Lincoln-Trebisch, whom you have doubtless heard of. He got to holding "classes" on their premises, while passing under an assumed name, representing himself as a "Buddhist Master" from Tibet.) This serves to show how easily this particular Theosophical Society (only one---but by far the most numerous in membership---of several groups) can be infiltrated and the brains of its members subverted by artists of the Manly P. Hall caliber! The Process obviously has good financing and its publications are lavishly printed. One he has sent me begins the story of a "typical" Processian convert, who relates that, formerly, he had been "in Theosophy" (so obviously they are endeavoring to proselyte Theosophists). The lodge and Theosophical Society they thus have penetrated in Canada has, of all, strayed furthest from the original teachings of Mme Blavatsky (tho some movement in it today is "back to Blavatsky"); it has an official policy which refuses to define "Theosophy," and an irresponsibly tolerant platform which purports to welcome "all religions, philosophies and beliefs" into one "Universal Brotherhood." So, over the years, so much rubbish has been sucked in by this philosophical vacuum that much if not most of the stuff found in its lectures, periodicals and books is the very antithesis of HPB's teachings. Though the President of the Society at Adyar published my Waterman book in 1963 (he has sole control of the press there), they have since refused to print for the book a jacket showing Press Opinion, etc.; and at Wheaton the President (American) tells me their "By-Laws" (which I have seen but find nothing relevant thereto) "prohibit making financial contributions to The Blavatsky Foundation" (while The Blavatsky Foundation and my name has never been mentioned in any of their literature in America!). So, you see, here's all of another good reason why The Process and its nefarious work is a target for me!

X | Sanders relates in ESQUIRE (as did my visitor) that The Process was active in Los Angeles until June 1968 when they disappeared from the scene. The understanding is that they cleared out because the agents from London had their passports expire (or revoked). Coupled with the declared political aim to destroy democracy thru anarchy, however, this sudden "disappearing act" dovetails with any supposition that would explain a motivation behind Sirhan's actions. Moreover, The Process would have the best of reasons for clearing the ground for itself (at Los Angeles, the center of Occult activity in the Western World) by throwing suspicion from itself onto Mme Blavatsky and her followers for the assassination with the "Manual for Revolution" canard (as well as knocking out another competitor, AMORC, by exploiting Sirhan as a Rosicrucian), because, for one thing, Mme Blavatsky condemned "god worship" in all its forms, and therefore her teachings stand as a philosophical bulwark against the whole Process scheme. Therefore, I have another QUESTION : what can you tell me about indications that Sirhan may have had contact with The Process?

In this connection, another idea has been raised in my mind.

Susan Atkins, the Manson "witch" in her "confession," alleged that the Polanski home was chosen as the target not because "Charlie" had anything against the Polanskis, but because it was to be a "warning" to Melchior (Doris Day's son) who formerly had lived there and who was "letting Charlie down" in the latter's ambition to get his "songs published." If so, may not the same intent have operated in which the LaBiancas were butchered across the street from Manly P. Hall's office? If Manson was working both for himself and for the Process (one goal to become the country's leading "folk singer" with "hidden messages" in his records, which could then convey the Process philosophy to all of "rock youth"), was he putting a chill on Hall who could be under pressure from The Process to become their "front man" in southern California? This Manson case investigator tells me there have been a number of burglaries of "occult libraries" in that area; and I now learn that Hall has just recently added a big new addition to his Philosophical Research Library (probably the most extensive occult library in the world), with his notice thereon dropping a hint of its impregnable construction. Remember, when I last wrote Hall, asking whether he knew of any reason why the LaBianca's might have been murdered, he never answered from that day to this! Moreover, IF Sirhan was in hands of the Process, he would be visiting Hall's headquarters at their behest; and if it was to frame Hall--thereby also compelling Yorty, Hall's chela, to quash all pursuit of conspiracy, least the names of Hall and himself be publicly scrutinized as suspects--, The Process would have served a number of purposes by the one plot: (1) to further their plot to destroy democracy (epitomized in the U.S. Presidential elections) and further anarchy, by killing RFK; (2) to cover their tracks and effectively forestall investigation of conspiracy (by framing Hall and, thereby, implicating Yorty); (3) eliminating the occult opposition (Mme Blavatsky and her teachings, which are a philosophical obstacle; as well as the organized Rosicrucians and Theosophists, which are the No. 1 and No. 2 Occult groups in number of American memberships) by: (a) the "Manual for Revolution" canard; (b) exploitation of Sirhan as an AMORC member.

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(1) AMERICAN UNITED. Not now listed in any telephone directory. I visited the address (you said you were intending to also, on your previous trip there--what did you see?); it is now a newly-surfaced parking lot. Meanwhile, Steinbacher has become editor of THE EDUCATOR, his name to appear in Who's Who in the West; he claims to be drawing down \$1,000-a-lecture; and has a new book due in Jan. 1972.

(2) RESEARCHED, PASADENA LIBRARY. Nothing on Rosicrucians there (I even went into the card index at the Branch library near Sirhan's home) Could not find Tom Blessing (the attendant at the service station where Sirhan gassed and worked) nor Lynn Blessing names entered in any city directories of the area. The Pasadena City Directory from 1964-68 does not show Sirhan B. Sirhan to have been a non-resident (in Egypt, Syria, or elsewhere is the question); he is shown as "student" in the Sirhan family all the while; but the unreliability of the directory is shown by its listing the father "(mechanic)" as resident also clear on in to 1968! (Incidentally, I drove by the Sirhan home to get a stereo-color slide shot; and it sticks out in the neighborhood like a sore thumb: the yard was full of old cars, junkers, and a couple of the brothers were pounding on them raising one hell of a racket!) ^{3.}

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(4) ROBERT KAISER. Read his book thru just before I left for L.A., as he arranged to meet me in conference at his office (I was accompanied by Victor Endersby, who met me in L.A.). Following findings are noteworthy:

A. It is amazing, but it appears very definite from the book and my conversations with R.K., that the defence strategy in the Sirhan trial was PROVIDED BY JOHN STEINBACHER. The defence lawyer-doctor team decided on the "diminished responsibility" plea, basing this upon the idea that Sirhan unconsciously hypnotized himself in his AMORC "candle-and-mirror" meditation practice and thereby inadvertently released pent-up subconscious drives which controlled and "programmed" him to kill RFK. The team got this idea of auto-hypnosis from Robert Kaiser (and were quick to adopt it as an alternative to "programming" thru post-hypnotic suggestion from outside by a conspirator-guide, after Diamond discovered that Sirhan showed all signs of having been previously conditioned to hypnosis of some kind); and Kaiser got the idea of "auto-hypnosis" from the 4th para. of page 14 of the 1968 RFK booklet by John Steinbacher---Steinbacher, by press-time in mid-June 1968, having been the first to publicly suggest Sirhan practiced "auto hypnosis"!

B. Kaiser told us that the police examining Sirhan on his arrest saw his eyes were dilated and did not respond to light. He does not know (and I have not checked to see) whether hypnosis trance does this sometimes. In any case, he says the record showed the only test run on his blood was "for syphilis detection"---tho he expressed the private belief that a drug test may also have been run and positive results suppressed. My reading of the record indicates to me the strong probability that the "girl in the polka dot dress", who Kaiser says, was the one, it is believed, who gave him the coffee, put a drug in it (see Sirhan's reaction under hypnotic regression).

C. I examined the 50-odd AMORC Rosicrucian "Master Monograph" lessons which Sirhan purportedly received as member of AMORC for over a year, beginning in 1966 (contradicting the AMORC Secretary's confirmed news conference statement that Sirhan joined "a few months" before June 1968 and received only the first-month instructions (which would not include the "candles-and-mirror" meditation technique instructions). These monographs look new and unread---NOT A SINGLE ANNOTATION OR UNDERLINING ANYWHERE ON ANY PAGE OF THEM. In contrast, see RK's description of Sirhan's habit of annotating and underlining what he reads; and there IS a questionnaire which appears to have accompanied the FIRST lesson (I would think the form should be returned by the AMORC student for grading, and if so, it was not returned but kept by Sirhan); it is annotated and underlined per his custom. There is no accompanying envelopes to the lessons; no letters addressed to Sirhan from AMORC HQ; no other questionnaires or lesson forms filled out; no correspondence or postmarked envelopes between Sirhan and San Jose---it ALL bears out my deduction that these 52 or 53 lessons were PLANTED on Sirhan to make it appear he had learned the "candle-and-mirror meditation" technique from AMORC, had practiced it for years and had thereby auto-hypnotized and programmed himself. When challenged with this idea, Kaiser said he had received the lessons (including the lesson with the meditation technique instruction, which is now part of the trial exhibits evidence) from the hands of Sirhan's brother; and the latter had told him of Sirhan monthly getting also the Rosicrucian Digest magazine---but I pointed out to him that anyone can subscribe to the magazine (he showed a 1966 copy), and also that the magazines he had also had no addressee-name on them and there was no postmarked envelopes to contain them addressed to Sirhan! Finally, after arguing that AMORC must have lied at the press conference in June 1968 about Sirhan's one-month membership span (to diminish its relationship to him in the public mind---to which I objected that, if they would do this despite the threat and certainty of the then-

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upcoming trial where they knew all the true facts would become public knowledge, they would certainly later cooperate with Los Angeles law authorities to merely keep silent when the latter wanted to show Sirhan had joined in 1966), Kaiser lastly seemed to recall that he had seen an "FBI report" stating Sirhan had joined in 1966 and he appeared to recall a "photostat of Sirhan's membership application dated 1966." It would be remarkable if Kaiser could recall this notation "1966" amid the millions of words and hundreds or thousands of documents in police and FBI files he examined---unless he attached importance to the date at the time (and, if he had done so, he surely would have made a ^{copy} or note of the entry, which he does not have at all). On the other, if AMORC (which has more than one vulnerable skeleton in its closet, for government authorities to rattle) is deemed capable of lying deliberately to the press in June 1968, it could as well covertly supply the FBI with a doctored application form, at behest of Los Angeles authorities.

D. Kaiser informed me that Sirhan's "right-wing extremist" connections alluded to in his book (but not mentioned by name) were: a Rev. Leo Hill; an "Hungarian Freedom Fighter" with a name that sounded to me like "Apponyai"; and the one who wrote the letter to Warren was Rathke.

E. Kaiser confirmed that his final chapter and the inserted change referring to Sirhan's visits to Hall's headquarters were made after learning from Christian about my research re Hall and my revelation that Hall is a notorious hypnotist, together with Endersby's notice that Hall is Mayor Yorty's "teacher." Kaiser confirmed also that Sirhan told him he had visited Hall's HQ a number of times prior to June 5 1968. When pressed about these visits, Kaiser said Sirhan refused to say more.

G. Kaiser said he couldn't say whether Sirhan had a brother arrested as an Israeli spy nor whether Sirhan had returned to the mid-East (he simply had no evidence for either claim).

H. He said he knew of nothing about proving or disproving from study of indentations on the notebook pages whether any of the pages had been rearranged in sequence or any taken out from the book in which Sirhan wrote "RFK must die!" (We can only guess whether there may have been a page naming Yorty and Hall.)

I. Kaiser gave me copies of the Charach suit brief and the petition of Barbara Blehr to the Civil Service Commission (I intend to write to Charach via his attorney and send him a list of names which I am compiling---and a copy of which will go to you. Kaiser believes Charach is "off base" and he described the film Charach has produced, which I suppose you know about, and which incorporates Thane Cesar's voice without his permission, while making him out the real assassin. We wondered about a libel suit by Cesar on this.).

J. Kaiser says Christian has not begun production on any film and is "still writing." If Christian sold out to the LAPD without Turner's knowledge, his usefulness is about at an end, after the breaking of the "two-gun theory" in the case!

K. Kaiser has no transcript of the trial and says one has to go in person, locate the page wanted and then pay (I think it is) 75c for each ^{copy} ~~page~~ copy at the Clerk's office. QUESTION: I wanted copies of the following (but know of no way to get them):

TRANSCRIPT, SIRHAN TRIAL: March 4 (A.M.)--Sirhan testifies on his occult "experiments" and on Zionism. March 5 (P.M.)--Sirhan testifies on his Rosicrucian studies. March 7---Patricia Stratham testifies on conversations with Sirhan re Rosicrucianism, etc.

(5) BARBARA BLEHR. Received back the Return Receipt on the package of material sent to her with letter asking for conference if she were interested. Never got a reply. QUESTION: Is she interested in anything beyond the aspects of her own ballistics claims in this case? (I see where the LAPD expert has sued her for \$2,000,000.)

The latest, as you probably know, is that the expert and the LA DA office takes refuge in the "confession" of the former that he "by error" mis-labeled the envelope which (he claims) contains bullets test-fired from the Sirhan gun with the serial number of another gun test-fired solely for audio tests. This means that the problem cannot be resolved unless another verified test is made of the Sirhan gun itself (but Younger has this at Sacramento, so no test!). One subterfuge could be that (in absence of microphotographs of the rifling---or by substitution of these photographs), the actual bullets taken from the flesh of the victims could be substituted for other bullets actually shot now (or later) from the Sirhan gun (if the victim-bullets did come from a second gun, now destroyed). So the field for speculation is still wide open (what a damnable botch all round!).

(6) ANAHEIM BULLETIN: I obtained a couple of enlargements of the AB 1:30 AM "EXTRA" which Editor Campbell claimed was the first extra on the shooting anywhere in U.S. The only available microfilm copy for the public is in the Anaheim City Library. They sent out to have the copies made and they are very poor. Am including one as a souvenir more than anything (hardly legible with a magnifying glass). Mine is a bit better and I copy for you the relevant, important parts (you might write for a copy to the Head Librarian, William J. Griffith, 500 W. Broadway, Anaheim, Ca 92805---but you will have to demand something besides a microfilm print-out, or you will get nothing better than this)!

LOS ANGELES (UPI)---Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was shot and wounded early today shortly after he claimed victory in the California primary election, police reported.

Police said the suspect had been taken into custody.

The shooting took place outside the embassy room of the Ambassador hotel.... [ellipses denote omission of unimportant paragraphs]....

Don Shulman, an employee of television station KNXT, said Kennedy was walking to the kitchen when he was shot three times by a gunman who stepped out of a crowd.

Shulman, who witnessed the shooting, said the gunman was shot by Kennedy's bodyguards. He was later taken into custody. A Kennedy aide said the senator was shot in the chest.

Gabor Kadar, who said he was waiting at the rear exit to the room to shake hands with the senator, heard four of [sic] five shots and saw Kennedy and a woman fall to the floor.

"Senator Kennedy was holding the right side of his chest and there was blood on his head," Kadar said.

Kadar said he saw Kennedy's wife, Ethel, kneeling beside the senator as he lay on the floor of the hotel kitchen.

Kadar described the suspect as being about 25 years old and weighing about 135 pounds. He was of light build and had dark, bushy hair, Kadar said.

The suspect was wearing a zipper jacket, blue jeans and blue tennis shoes.

Note: (a) Shulman here doesn't say what Charach's brief says Shulman told the news media at the time. (b) Kaiser's "official" list of persons in the room does not show Shulman as present. (c) Kadar changed his position altogether in later reports to police and court. This would place him standing with Sirhan at exit (where he could have gotten all the detailed description shown (otherwise lost on spectators in the aftermath shock)).

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STEINBACHER
APPEARANCE - 6/68.

KABC TAPES

(7) I contacted station KABC, and learned they have broadcast tapes wanted, but had not time to conclude the matter with them of getting copies of the de Zirkoff broadcast on KABC-TV re the "Manual for Revolution" nor the Ray Briem Show of June 5 on which the hypnotist William J. Bryan appeared and suggested Sirhan had acted in the kill-attempt under hypnosis (see Steinbacher, p. 14)* Apparently Bryan said nothing about auto-hypnosis, but this we must find out for certain.... to eliminate any doubt that Steinbacher was the first to suggest auto-hypnosis. Incidentally, a recent issue of Steinbacher's EDUCATOR shows Ray Briem (like Bob Dornan) is an active promoter of Steinbacher literature Christian alleged that the hypnotist Bryan was under indictment for raping clients under hypnosis, is a notorious right-wing radical, and has scaled down in size and taken to wearing contact lenses (after weighing about 400 and using spectacles in June 1968, like Manly Hall. Christian's suspicion was that Hall was being framed, Bryan acting the part of Hall with Sirhan. This would dovetail now with the lately-revealed Bryan-Steinbacher association).

(8) XAVIER VON KOSS. I persuaded the telephone company to look up the 1967 and 1968 Los Angeles directories, both white page and yellow page. They reported there was no listing of any Xavier Von Koss* until the 1968 directory that appeared in November of that year (and then in yellow pages only). THEREFORE, James Earl Ray in Jan. 1968 did NOT learn of von Koss in the phone book (if you could find him saying he picked the address out of the phone book, you'd have something really significant). This edition's entries were closed in May 1968.* SEE TOP OF PAGE
*ON HIS OUTFIT.

(9) DUARTE. Have ascertained the Russian circus that was stink-bombed at Anaheim, and for which Duarte was arrested as suspect, took place in December 1967. I am going to search files of the AR and LA TIMES (I can get here) on this. Will let you know.

(10) Talked with a Mr Bland who, after traveling to Washington to join the Viet Nam war protest meeting at the Pentagon, had his activity written up in the LA TIMES. He then got a call from the Anaheim police inquiring about his "letter asking for police protection" for his "group" who "intended to picket the anti-Communist pickets at the Russian circus when it appears in Anaheim." Bland said he had written no such letter and had no such group nor intention to picket anyone there. The letter with his name on it proved to be a forgery, he said; and upon being submitted to handwriting experts by the authorities, he was informed that it had been determined that the forgery was traced to Jim Townsend, now publisher of THE EDUCATOR edited by Steinbacher, and that it had been traced through comparison with certain anonymous obscene abusive letters addressed to the Anaheim authorities and also traced to Townsend. The Postal Inspectors put the case in hands of the local U S Federal attorney's office (he being a right-winger) and nothing ever came of it, Bland being unable to date to get back even the forgery. All this dovetails with another forged press dispatch mentioned in connection with the Steinbacher-Townsend clique during their "war on sex education" in the Anaheim schools (mentioned in Oh, Sex Education, by Mary Breasted, Praeger Publishers.) Bland added that when the stink-bombing later took place, the right-wingers blamed it on him.

I am going to pursue this as far as possible with Bland.

(11) ROBERT LICHER, SIRHAN POSTMAN. I talked to him by telephone, hoping to obtain a refutation that would upset the Houghton twist that Sirhan did not receive American neo-Nazi mail, only overseas anti-U.S. Arab propaganda. It was obvious that Licher was fearful to say anything.

* (Att: Hartnett at--): Information Research, 981 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, is one outfit that could undertake to ascertain if Von Koss was actually in business Jan. 1968. Min. charge, \$25. \$10/hr. 9 After some persuasion he would discuss the matter at all, and then he hesitantly confirmed the Houghton account. So this is a dead-end unless we can get the original Licher-Putnam interview on KTTV or KTLA (which-ever) of the night of June 5, 1968.

(12) WALT CROWE. Interviewed Crowe's father, who told me that the undercover source who informed on the Crowe-Sirhan meeting was Bill del Valle, who, the elder Crowe claimed, was a Federal informant who "made \$12,000 as a government spy" over a period of three years or so and then, after the RFK shooting, "moved to Washington, where he now holds a good paying job at the Smithsonian Institute." DelValle, he says, was a member of the John Birch Society. Crowe's family lives just a few short blocks from the Sirhan house; and it strikes me that his meeting with Sirhan was a put-up job by possibly some of the Steinbacher crew (Crowe and Steinbacher both working out of the LA Welfare office at the time); and I intend to write Crowe to show him this possibility and the prospect of lifting the "shadow" off him which, as his father says, has led the public to suspect that "Walter may have said something that triggered Sirhan off."

(13) MANLY P. HALL. Discovered his magazines are very difficult to find in bookstores. Purchased 40 copies however and have received another 10 by donation. These show he was in California during May (and probably June) 1968. Also, see enclosed photo with Yorty. He now has not promoted hypnotism in his magazine for many years, but his Vice-President (and apparent successor), Drake, is introduced as a Ph.D. in Psychology, an "expert in hypnotherapy" who recently has spent some time at the University of Calcutta (apparently as "cover" for his initiation into and instruction by the Kali Tantrik cult centered at Dacca in East Bengal, mentioned by Hall in The Guru). The 1944 promotion of the Kali cult in this book appears to have been no fluke, because for the past 10 years or so, as I now learn from his publications of later date---that I am acquiring at what will be a cost of about \$150, but will be worth it as furnishing a thorough documented study of his writings---Hall has pushed and upheld the teachings and occult pre-eminence of the Shingon sect of Japan. This cult is described in the Encyclopedia Americana as: A "system" in which there is "frequently reflected too much of the degenerate type of Indian Tantric Buddhism which makes room in religion for anything man desires. Very little of the moral seriousness of original Buddhism remains and Shingon (true word) becomes the 'magic word' which combines a fantastic idealism with the grossest forms of materialism." (Contrast this with the condemnation of Kali Trantricism quoted from HPB in my earlier, long study of Hall's work).

(14) KHJ-TV. I spent many hours at KHJ, where the management very obligingly provided all tapes asked-for and engineers to play them back. The most important discoveries were:

A. The full-day tape for June 6 was played, and although there were numerous "news break-ins" taken off the NBC network, the broadcast mentioning the "Manual for Revolution" was not broadcast by KHJ.

B. Dornan spoke of a "two-hour conference" with Steinbacher on June 8. We played the full-day tape of June 8 and although Dornan was heard a few times, he did not put Steinbacher on the air; so their conference was "behind the scenes."

C. The June 6 tape showed that Pitchess announced Sirhan's request for HPB's SECRET DOCTRINE at a news conference that afternoon. This fact, coupled with information now obtained that Sander Vanoucer was at the LA International Airport and boarding the plane for N.Y. with the Kennedy family, practically destroys the possibility he could have even pre-recorded an appearance (as alleged by Polly Warfield in her

GARDENA VALLEY NEWS report of June 9) discussing the "Manual for Revolution" and Sirhan's request for the NBC Huntley-Brinkley news unit that evening! This was supposed to have been broadcast over KNBC, and I learned at KHJ that KNBC is a network-owned station which, therefore, explains WHY you got no where with them on this tape-search request, the network having already been hit by The Blavatsky Foundation's complaint before the FCC.

I am going to try and locate Vanoucer, and try to interest him or Chet Huntley in letting us know if Vanoucer appeared on their unit showing that evening. If not, the Warfield report is a hoax. I think you can see it is becomingly increasingly clear that if we can for certain pin down the original perpetrator of the "Manual for Revolution" hoax, it will put us one big step nearer the heart of any conspiracy behind Sirhan. Did Warfield (with her de Zirkoff contact---and he with his Hall contact, and his secondhand contact with Steinbacher) HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS ORIGINAL PERPETRATION? This is not forgetting that everything otherwise points to Steinbacher with his admission of passing out the (forged) UPI "dispatch", his M.O., and the related Anaheim forgeries and phony dispatches mentioned by Bland and Breasted. But Warfield is a mystery to me!

D. After going as far as possible by mail (where KHJ sent me tapes of several promising time periods which turned up nothing), as you know, my prime purpose of going down was to search out all time intervals on the Tempo II show (hosted by Bob Dornan---who, station personnel told me, was an ardent Roman Catholic and therefore a diehard critic of Blavatsky) which might even remotely (when not shown in the printed "program logs" to be otherwise occupied with totally unrelated subject matter) contain the discussion in which (on June 13) Dornan stated he had "held up the giant chart showing the interlocking conspiracies" (Theosophy, Rosicrucianism, Masonry, etc.) that he added had been brought to him "by people calling themselves Free Rightists" (followers of American United and Steinbacher).

We went through all tapes from June 6 to June 18 checking every possible time interval on the Tempo II Show and we did not find this occasion. But, with the chief Engineer Pederson working the tape machine, we did come upon the June 13th Tempo II time slot on the tape for that day AND FOUND IT HAD BEEN ERASED! Pederson was amazed. He said, "no one is supposed to have access to these tapes except the engineering department. This is some coincidence, and I don't like coincidences!" (I had him initial or sign the log for that program, showing it was erased.) He simply could offer no explanation. It certainly looks as though Dornan, before he left, may have slipped some junior engineer a bill to erase this show---which would very probably identify for us the names of these "Free Rightists" as well as show up Dornan in some libelous and wild statement he was afraid might get to the FCC. (Dornan was fired by Baxter Ward when the latter took over the news programming---Ward, incidentally, having been the only Los Angeles news analyst that refuted on the air the "Manual for Revolution" story when it broke; he was then working for another station, and quit in the interval to run for mayor against Yorty.).

If this was the day of "the giant chart" (June 13) it is another "coincidence" that Truman Capote launched his attack on HPB on the NBC "Tonight" Show that same evening!

Although this important link in the Steinbacher chain eluded us, we do now have (as a result of searching for it) Dornan's recorded statement that Steinbacher had come to him with the Blavatsky dossier on June 8; and, thanks to the trip south, much other information wanted has been rounded up!

QUESTION: Have you obtained any further information on Jerome Johnson, the attacker of Joseph Columbo? Or on "BRAT", the Black Revolutionary Attack Team (which, remaining silent, appears to have been a one-shot performance offered by conspirators as a red herring)? I would especially like to learn of any Johnson contact with radical right groups; and to hear whether he had come to New York from Los Angeles itself. As I can show by documentation, American United and the associated "neo-fascist" Liberty Lobby of Willis Carto (resident of Los Angeles) have organized right-wing groups among the Negroes.

Trusting all your own endeavors are prospering in the cause of truth and the pursuit thereof,

Again, my thanks and Best Wishes,

WALTER.

P.S. I am inclosing our NEWSLETTER--3 and a later Circular (with pertinent portions marked), which are for your own use only.